GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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ELECTRIFICATION OF WESTERN CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the news item appeared in 'Business Line' on January 8th, 2008 captioned, "Railways willing to electrify Western corridor to get Japanese funding";

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railway in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : It is reported in the news item that trials for running double stack container trains on flat wagons under electric traction are proposed by Indian Railways and that electrification of the Western Corridor is linked to Japanese Government funding of the Corridor. Other details of the trials proposed including section identified for the trials have also been indicated in the article.

(c) : Railways propose to conduct trials in association with Japanese experts to confirm double stack container trains running on flat wagons under electrified traction. As regards funding,the Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects are proposed to be financed through a mix of internal generation, market borrowings, budgetary and non-budgetary resources including multilateral and bilateral funding.